

To: Boston From: Washington Field  
Re: 279A-WF-222936, 11/25/2001

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1:

MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TN

Conduct all logical and appropriate investigation concerning the disappearance of Don Wiley. Advise WFO telephonically of the results of initial investigation conducted by the Memphis PD. In response, refer to WFO AMERITHRAX lead number 195.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 11/25/2001

To: Boston  
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Case ID #: 279A-WF-222936-1010 (Pending)

Title: AMERITHRAX;  
MAJOR CASE # 184

Synopsis: Set lead at Memphis for investigation of Dr. Don C. Wiley, Harvard University professor.

Details: On November 23, 2001, Dr. Don C. Wiley's car was discovered abandoned on a bridge in Memphis, Tennessee. Wiley was in Memphis to attend a meeting of the St. Jude's Children Research Hospital. Wiley is currently a professor at Harvard University and reportedly an expert in microbiology.

It is the current opinion of anthrax experts that the anthrax contained in the October 9, 2001 letter to Senator Tom Daschle was prepared by an individual with an understanding of microbiology. Given this premise, and Wiley's knowledge of microbiology and unexplained disappearance, WFO requests Memphis conduct an investigation of Wiley and any connection he may have to the current anthrax mailings. Some of the issues that need to be addressed include: Wiley's access to anthrax, any research conducted by Wiley related to anthrax or similar organisms, Wiley's recent performance evaluations at work, any recent changes in Wiley's disposition, and any ties between Wiley and Tom Brokaw, Senator Tom Daschle, Senator Patrick Leahy, the New York Post, American Media Inc, or the National Enquirer.

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